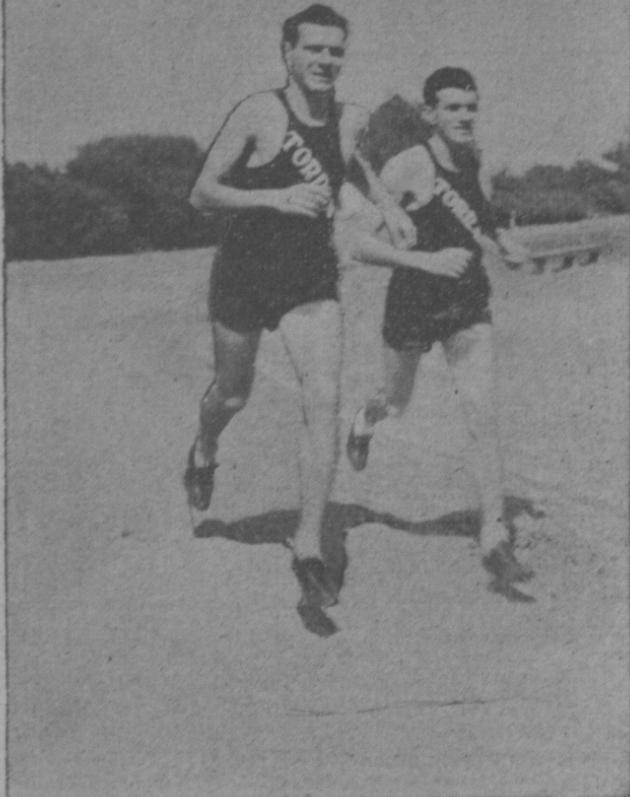


# It's SPORTS on REVIEW



● It's a Short Race or Louis Zamperini Would Be Leading His Big Brother, Pete.

## Baseball Popular at Columbia

AS A recreation measure, the Columbia Steel Company fosters baseball for its employees and for the last two years has had some snappy contests within the plant league. Eight or 10 teams, representing the different departments, play a regular schedule on the lot in the rear of the mills. Twice in succession the Foundry team has won the championship, with the Open Hearth runner up each time.

The winners were presented with a fine trophy and were also feted at dinners. At present the league is inactive, due to the press of orders, but Columbia has a team in the City Short Ball League which appears to be headed for the championship.

## Crack Sprinter Stars at Jaysee

ANOTHER young Torrance athlete who blazed a fast trail for high school runners to follow is Hubert Luck, dash and 440 man, now attending Compton Junior College.

Hubert was one of the fastest men in the sprints that Torrance high school ever had, and holds the school record of 9.9 in the 100 and 50 flat in the 440, which no doubt will stand for many years. In addition to these events, Luck was third man in the famous relay team which set a new state record of 3:30.2 in the four-man medley at Long Beach in 1934. In that year Luck was undefeated in 14 consecutive races.

In his first year of competition at Compton Jaysee, Luck has concentrated on the relay and the 440-yard run, except on the night of the dual meet with the U. S. C. freshmen when he switched to the 220 and flashed to the tape in 22.2 for first place.

In addition to being a first class track man, Hubert made the Torrance high school varsity football team last fall where his speed made him one of the best ends the school ever had. He graduated from high school in February of this year.



● Hubert Luck Relies on Speed.

## Bluebirds Cleaned Up in State Softball Clashes

AS FAR back as 1926 citizens of Torrance turned to the new soft ball game, then commonly known as "indoor," as an outlet for enthusiasm in competitive sports.

In that year two leagues were formed, the Twilight League of eight teams and the Starlight League of 10.

Union Tool finished on top in the Twilight League while the Pacific Electric Shops outfit captured the flag in the Starlight League.

The indoor game, played on the sand lots, continued to grow in popularity each year until the spring of 1932, when D. A. "Spud" Murphy secured a franchise in the National Night Baseball League and organized the Torrance Bluebirds. The Birds finished in the middle that season, with 14 games won and the same number lost.

### Won Title

BUT THE following year told a different story. The

Bluebirds swept over all opposition to finish at the top of the percentage column at the end of the first half and fought it out with the Huntington Beach Oilers for the championship at the end of the season.

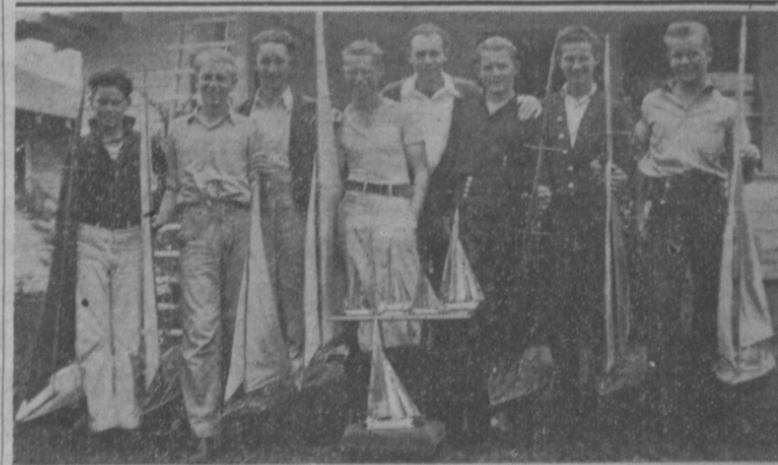
After cementing off the Oilers the Bluebirds went on to defeat Rialto, winner of the American League championship at the end of the season.

A barnstorming trip to meet the cream of the northern teams netted the Bluebirds two wins over Hanford and Porterville teams and one defeat at the hands of Visalia, 1-0 in 11 innings.

The champion Bluebirds brought widespread renown to Torrance and exploits of the team are still talked of in baseball circles.

Memories of their glory inspire present players in Torrance's night league, which plays double-headers under the arcs each Tuesday and Friday at the Municipal Recreation field.

## Future Skippers Sail Tiny Craft



● Youthful Members of Torrance Model Yacht Club.

BLUE water lures the boy of the California coast area, whether he lives within sound of the breakers or inland. The lovely yachts that ply the waters of San Pedro bay, spreading their vast canvases to the ocean breeze, have their counterparts in the toy sailboats which skim the sheltered lakes in city parks or in the smooth waters of an estuary. Captains and mates of the toy boats grow skilful as the masters of real ocean-going yachts in trimming the sails of their small craft to catch every ounce of the breeze which shall sail their models to victory.

Torrance Model Yacht Club includes in its members the youthful masters of toy craft. They build their own models, fashion their own sails and rig the craft. Every week-end finds them lined up along the shores of the nearest available lake or bay where their yachts may try their speed.

### Five Out of Nine

APRIL 26, 1936, was a happy day for the Torrance club

when its members took part in the Southern California 4000-meter open model yacht race at Long Beach, and won five of the nine trophies awarded, to become the Southern California champions.

Paul Harestad, with Harris Grothman as mate, won three of the prizes. His "Tara" took second in the 40-inch class, and his "Trona" set a new record of 53 minutes, 35 seconds in the 50-inch class. The "Trona" also won over 24 contestants in the open race. Dickhaut Wolfe, leader of the club which is sponsored by the Torrance Kiwanis club, with Jack Peterson and Ray Dennis as mates, took two third place awards with the model "Otter" in the 50-inch 800 Marblehead class.

In the annual Los Angeles Herald-Express regatta held at Echo Park, Los Angeles, June 7, Jack Peterson placed third in the semi-finals in Class R competition, and Miss Jean Hosking placed second in the finals of the girls' open race. Some 500 boats were entered in all classes.

## ● TORRANCE . . . on Review

Brothers are star candidates for Olympic honors. Pete, 21, held Jaysee mile championship. Is now on U. S. C. team and has done 4:01.3 in 1500 meters; 4:19 in mile.

Louis, 19, broke Interscholastic mile record, almost as old as he is, with time of 4:21.3. Has lost only two 5000-meter races, both by yard or less; best time, 14:55.1. Will enter U. S. C. this autumn.

## A Pair of Brothers; Both Champions

THE GREATEST brother act in the United States is exemplified in the performances of Pete and Louis Zamperini, Torrance, probably the only two brothers in this country each of whom can give a stellar performance in athletics.

Pete, who just turned 21 on May 24, is a student at the University of Southern California and a valued member of Dean Cromwell's track team. His favorite distance is the 1500-meter run. His best time for that event, made at the Compton Junior College invitational meet, May 22, is 4:01.3. For the mile his best time is 4:19.

When Pete attended Compton Jaysee, he held the junior college state championship in the mile in 1933 and 1934. He is a candidate for the United States team which will be sent to the Olympic Games in Berlin this summer.

### Louis Holds World Mark

LOUIS ZAMPERINI will be 20 years old on January 26, 1937. Although the younger brother, his accomplishments in athletics have been more sensational and his fame is more widespread.

In the Southern California interscholastic finals, held May 19, 1934, Louis defeated a field of 16, including the former state champion, to set a new interscholastic world's record

in the mile run. His time, 4:21.3, broke a record which had stood for 17 years.

Here are some of his many records: In the mile—School (West Marine League), 4:28.9; Southern California interscholastic finals, 4:21.3; State interscholastic finals, 4:27.8.

In the 1500-meters—Southern Pacific Association of A. A. U., 4 minutes flat; N. C. A. A. U., Lincoln, Nebraska, 4:01.7.

Two-mile cross-country—C. I. F. and A. A. U., Westwood Hills course, 9:57.2.

5000-meter run—Compton Invitational pre-Olympic meet, 14:55.1.

Five-mile run—Practice, against time, 26 minutes 22 seconds.

### Twice Second

IN HIS four years of competition since he was a sophomore in Torrance high school, Louis has been defeated only twice, both times by Norman Bright of San Francisco's Olympic Club. Louis lost by a yard to Bright in the Lincoln, Nebraska, meet last year, and by inches at the Compton Invitational meet, May 22.

He, too, is a candidate for the United States Olympic team and will compete in the 5000-meter run.

Louis expects to enter U. S. C. next fall. He has been training with the freshman squad this spring in preparation for the Olympic tryouts.

The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini, 2028 Gramercy avenue, Torrance, who follow the interesting career of their sons with pardonable pride and enthusiasm.